



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicants : Douglas U. Mennie *et al.*  
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IDENTIFICATION AND AUTHENTICATION  
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**AMENDMENT RESPONSIVE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
MAILED SEPTEMBER 7, 2006 AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

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This is in response to the Final Office Action dated September 7, 2006. The shortened statutory period for response expired on December 7, 2006. A Petition for a Two-Month Extension, extending the deadline to reply to February 7, 2006, was filed on January 9, 2007. This amendment is being filed together with an Request for Continued Examination, a Sixth Information Disclosure Statement, and the corresponding fees.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 22 of this paper.

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